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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS CONTINUES PLAY UP U.S.-EGYPTIAN  
- ARMS RELATIONSHIP

SUMMARY. ALL CAIRO DAILIES FEBRUARY 17 FEATURED U.S.-  
EGYPTIAN ARMS RELATIONSHIP, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF  
"OFFICIAL INVITATION" FOR MINWAR GAMASY VISIT TO  
WASHINGTON AND ARRIVAL OF "AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION"  
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LATER THIS MONTH TO EXAMINE EGYPTIAN "MILITARY NEEDS"  
RELATED TO F-5E SALES. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S.-EGYPTIAN ARMS RELATIONSHIP DOMINATED HEADLINES  
FEBRUARY 17. PRINCIPAL ITEM WAS "OFFICIAL INVITATION"  
DEP PM/MINWAR GAMASY HAS RECEIVED -- SOME VERSIONS SAY  
WILL RECEIVE -- TO VISIT U.S. FOR TALKS WITH SECDEF

BROWN AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. ACCORDING "USG OFFICIALS", VISIT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT FIRST SINCE 1952 AND COMES AT TIME WHEN U.S.-EGYPTIAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP "ENTERING NEW STAGE". PRESS ALSO REPORTS VAGUELY BUT PROMINENTLY THAT PENTAGON HAS DECIDED SEND "MISSION" TO EGYPT, BY END OF FEBRUARY, TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN MILITARY "NEEDS" RELATED TO SALES OF F-5E'S.

2. OTHER HEADLINES PLAY UP "CARTER DETERMINATION TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH ARMS" (AKHBAR RED BANNER). PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY HAS INITIATED ENERGETIC CONTACTS BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND U.S. JEWISH LEADERSHIP TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR SALES OF AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. "STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN" SAY ADMINISTRATION DECISION TO HALT ISRAELI PORTION OF ARMS PACKAGE LIKELY IF CONGRESS REFUSES APPROVE EGYPTIAN-SAUDI PORTION.

3. ISRAELI REACTIONS. "DEEP ISRAELI CONCERN" OVER ARMS DEAL NOTED ON FRONT PAGES. EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, TERMED "RIDICULOUS" EFFORTS BY BEGIN AND "U.S. JEWISH PRESSURE GROUPS" TO STYMIE ARMS SALES TO EGYPT. PRINCIPAL THEME WAS THAT TO BEGIN, PEACE MEANS MILITARY SUPREMACY AND ACQUISITION OF LAND OF OTHERS.

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5. COMMENT. TREATMENT OF ARMS RELATIONSHIP IS HIGHLY SANGUINE. ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS SOUGHT TO DEPICT SADAT U.S. VISIT AS SETBACK FOR ZIONIST LOBBY, PREOCCUPATION WITH THIS ASPECT AND WITH QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL INDICATES NERVOUSNESS. EILTS

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